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NY State Offering New STEP Grants to Help Businesses Provide Training to Workers

RochesterWorks! Offering Free Grant Workshops February 11 and 25 for Organizations Making Applications

Rochester, NY—January 16, 2009—New training assistance grants of up to \$50,000 each are now being offered by New York State to help businesses upgrade worker skills. RochesterWorks! (www.rochesterworks.org) is offering workshops on February 11 and 25, to help businesses that are interesting in applying.

The grants are being offered through the New York State Department of Labor's new Skills Training and Education Program (STEP), which will make available up to \$4.6 million statewide for projects that address skilled worker shortages and help businesses upgrade incumbent workers' occupational skills and increase wages.

Applications will be reviewed on a continuous basis until funding has been allocated. Applicants receiving a grant award must be prepared to begin training immediately upon execution of a contract with NYSDOL.

Applicants may be private sector, for-profit or not-for-profit businesses with four or more employees in priority industry sectors, which include Life Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, Green/Renewable Energy. Funds may be used to pay for outside vendors or in-house trainers to provide on-site training, off-site training or distance learning.

Register Online for Free Grant Workshops for Organizations Making Applications

Businesses may attend a free workshop for more information and assistance on the application on February 11 or February 25, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. at the RochesterWorks Career Center, 255 North Goodman St. Parking is free in front of the building. Please RSVP at least two days in advance to Raechel Kirkland, (585) 258-3545, rkirkland@rochesterworks.org or register online at http://rochesterworks.org/employers_business_workshops.aspx.

Application and More Information

Applications can be found at rochesterworks.org. For questions and more information contact Kristy Ioele, Business Services Representative for RochesterWorks!, (585) 258-3548, kioele@rochesterworks.org.

RochesterWorks! is dedicated to helping Monroe County develop a strong workforce. RochesterWorks! helps job seekers find jobs, move to higher paying jobs or get training *to improve skills. RochesterWorks! assists businesses with recruitment, assessment, placement and training, and connects them to all federally funded employment and training programs in Monroe County. RochesterWorks! has helped attract millions of dollars in funding to support Monroe County companies and organizations.*

Services are available at two convenient full service Career Centers at 255 North Goodman Street and 276 Waring Road in Rochester. Services are free of charge.

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